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1. The Czechoslovak Communist Party is said to have created a commission for the preparation of what is to be termed "free" elections.
2. Under this plan, the joint list of candidates of "all parties", which has been the only list of candidates up for elections since the Communists came to power, is to be split up, and each party is to go into the elections individually. Only the parties now joined in the National Front would be permitted to enter the elections. No opposition parties would be permitted to participate.
3. The participating parties would undertake to reunite in a National Front immediately after the elections. Moreover, electioneering would be conducted in accordance with a de facto truce; thus there would be no propaganda and no criticism of anyone.
4. Communist parties are said to have received instructions to refrain from doing anything that might disturb the atmosphere prior to the Geneva conference.

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